

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pastor DeAndre Brown on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2012, DeAndre Brown was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal's* "12 Who Made a Difference" for his tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Brown is the founder and executive director of LifeLine to Success, a program for ex-offenders that equips them with the necessary tools to re-enter society; and

WHEREAS, his hard work and determination resulted in the formation of Brown's Blight Patrol and a city contract that greatly improved the community while also employing ex-offenders in need of a second chance; and

WHEREAS, while having graduated from Rivercrest High School in Wilson, Arkansas, and having studied Biology (Pre-Med) at Rhodes College, Pastor Brown faced many challenges throughout his own life, including incarceration and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, with the love and support of his wife, Vinessa, and their eight children, Kaneetra, DeAndre, Jr., Malcolm, Julius, Jarius, Micah, Jewel, and Joshua, he was able to rebuild his life and bring hope and faith to those individuals who need it most; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, DeAndre Brown takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like DeAndre Brown, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Pastor DeAndre Brown on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank him for all he has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.